

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 2, 2007 was a restriction requirement, wherein the examiner requested that the applicant elect to prosecute one of the following two inventions which were asserted to be recited in the claims. The two inventions are:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-11, 14-24, and 28-31, drawn to generating an identifier; and

Invention II, recited in claims 12-13 and 25-27, drawn to validating an identifier.

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-11, 14-24, and 28-31, drawn to generating an identifier. However, applicant respectfully traverses this restriction requirement, and submits that Invention I and Invention II are a same invention.

Claim 1, for example, is directed to a method for generating a subscriber identifier comprising steps of generating an identifier base string, generating an integrity check value, and generating a subscriber identifier.

Claim 14, also part of Invention I, is directed to a network control node for generating a subscriber identifier, comprising a series of means for performing the steps of claim 1. Claim 28 is directed to a computer program product stored on a tangible medium which controls processors to perform these steps. Claim 12, which is asserted as being part of

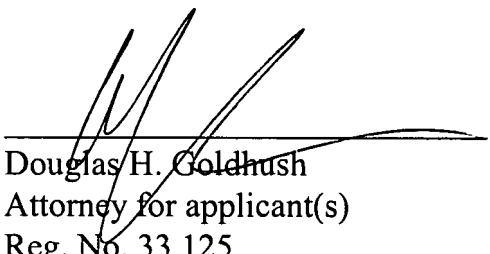
Invention II, is directed to a method for validating a subscriber identifier wherein the subscriber identifier comprises a format including at least integrity check values. The method of claim 12 comprises detecting an integrity check value of a received subscriber identifier, performing an integrity check based upon the integrity check value and the subscriber identifier, and then rejecting the subscriber identifier in case the integrity check reveals that the subscriber identifier is not valid.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Invention I and Invention II are actually different embodiments of a same invention, and that it would not be additional burden for substantive examination to be provided for each of presently pending claims 1-31.

In any event, applicant elects the subject matter of Invention I, and request timely consideration on the merits. In the event that traversal is not successful, applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application(s) on the non-elected subject matter.

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